



This report, updated monthly, is designed to provide you with a summary of active NHTSA Defect Investigations. The investigations listed below are grouped according to type of investigation ([Preliminary Evaluation](#), [Engineering Analysis](#), [Recall Query](#), and [Defect/Recall Petition](#)) and identify the products under investigation, the alleged problem, and the investigation status. For up-to-date details on specific investigations, you can enter its Action # in the Quick Search box at: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/defect/defectsearch.cfm>

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## March 2009

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT ENGINEERING ANALYSIS				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
EA07-016	2000-2005 WORKHORSE CHASSIS BUILT WITH BOSH BRAKE CALIPERS	OVERHEATED BRAKE CALIPERS	16-NOV-2007	
EA08-006	2007 CHRYSLER PACIFICA WITH 4.0L ENGINE	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE	21-FEB-2008	
EA08-007	2005-2007 F-250 & F-350 SUPER DUTY 4X4 VEHICLES	VIOLENT FRONT END OSCILLATION	14-MAR-2008	31-MAR-2009
EA08-008	2002 AND 2003 JEEP LIBERTY 4X4	UPPER BALL JOINT SEPARATION	15-APR-2008	
EA08-009	1999-2002 MERCEDES BENZ ML 430/500/55 WITH V-8 ENGINE	BRAKE LINE RUPTURE	28-APR-2008	
EA08-011	2001-2003 MITSUBISHI GALANT	PASSENGER DOOR FIRE	01-JUL-2008	
EA08-013	RICON "S" AND "K" SERIES WHEELCHAIR LIFTS	WHEELCHAIR LIFT ARM FRACTURES	29-JUL-2008	
EA08-015	2005 HONDA ODYSSEY	UNEXPECTED CLOSING OF POWER LIFTGATE	08-AUG-2008	
EA08-016	1999-2004 HYUNDAI SONATA IN SALT BELT	FRONT SUB-FRAME CORROSION	21-AUG-2008	

EA08-017	2002-2004 KIA SEDONA IN SALT BELT STATES	STEERING BINDING	28-AUG-2008	
EA08-018	2002-2003 FORD TAURUS AND MERCURY SABLE IN SALT BELT STATES	FRONT SUSPENSION COIL SPRING FRACTURE	28-AUG-2008	
EA08-019	MODEL YEARS 2007-2008 / EARLIER PREMIER	PINTLE HOOK PIN FRACTURES	29-AUG-2008	
EA08-021	FORD MOTOR CO. MY 1995-2003 WINDSTAR	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES	17-SEP-2008	
EA08-023	MY 2001-2003 HYUNDAI SANTA FE	REAR SUSPENSION TRAILING ARM FAILURE	28-OCT-2008	
EA08-024	2004-2006 TOYOTA SIENNA	STEERING INTERMEDIATE SHAFT BINDING	28-OCT-2008	
EA08-026	MY2003-2006 SAAB 9-3 IN SALT BELT STATES	FRONT SUSPENSION COIL SPRING FRACTURE	22-DEC-2008	
EA09-001	2002-03 HONDA ACCORD MODELS WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION	IGNITION PARK-SHIFT INTERLOCK	05-JAN-2009	
EA09-002	MODEL YEAR 2005 & 2006 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL MALFUNCTION	14-JAN-2009	
EA09-003	MODEL YEAR 1998 - 2005 VOLVO VNL AND VN TRUCKS	DRAG LINK FAILURE	15-JAN-2009	
EA09-004	2004-2005 CHEVROLET MALIBU, MALIBU MAXX	PARK/TURN/STOP/DRL LAMPS	20-MAR-2009	

### MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
PE08-059	2006 DODGE RAM 3500	TURN SIGNAL MALFUNCTION	07-OCT-2008	
PE08-060	MY 2007 FORD VEHICLES USING LOW PRESSURE SNAP-IN VALVES	TIRE VALVE CRACKING	14-OCT-2008	
PE08-061	MY00-02 SATURN L-SERIES (L61 ENG.) BUILT BEFORE MAY 2002	TIMING CHAIN FAILURE-STALL	16-OCT-2008	
PE08-062	2004 CHEVROLET MALIBU, MALIBU MAXX	TURN SIGNAL LAMPS	21-OCT-2008	20-MAR-2009
PE08-064	2004-2006 SUBARU BAJA TURBO	FUEL PUMP LEAK	14-NOV-2008	

PE08-065	2003-2007 NISSAN MURANO	DRIVER SEAT ANCHOR FAILURE	18-NOV-2008		
PE08-066	2003-2005 FORD CROWN VICTORIA/MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS	LOSS OF HEADLIGHT FUNCTION	26-NOV-2008	24-MAR-2009	
PE08-069	2008 MACK TRUCKS CHU/CXU	AIR COMPRESSOR DISCHARGE LINE FAILURE	09-DEC-2008		
PE08-070	2005-2006 FORD EXPEDITION SPECIAL SERVICE VEHICLES (SSV)	FRACTURE OF STEEL WHEEL RIM	09-DEC-2008		
PE08-071	2002-2003 HYUNDAI SONATA	INTERIOR DOOR HANDLE LACERATION HAZARD	15-DEC-2008		
PE08-072	MY 2003 TOYOTA SEQUOIA	ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL MALFUNCTION	16-DEC-2008		
PE09-001	2006-2008 BLUEBIRD VISION SCHOOL BUSES	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE	05-JAN-2009	04-MAR-2009	
PE09-002	MY 2007-2008 PETERBILT 387, AND 388	FAN HUB FAILURES	05-JAN-2009		
PE09-003	2007 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, ENTOURAGE, SANTA FE, SONATA, TUCSON	HYUNDAI STOP LAMP MALFUNCTION	14-JAN-2009		
PE09-004	2005-2006 THOMAS SCHOOL BUSES/ FS65 CHASSIS CONVENTIONAL EF	BRAKE HOSE/TUBE ABRADING	21-JAN-2009		
PE09-005	EQUIPMENT: ROCK KRAWLER SUSPENSION LIFT KIT FOR SUVS	SUSPENSION FAILURE	26-JAN-2009		
PE09-006	2008 JONWAY "SUNNY" MOTORSCOOTERS	BRAKE FAILURE	03-FEB-2009		
PE09-007	2008-2009 BLUE BIRD SCHOOL BUSES-VISION MODEL	INCORRECT FAN BOLTS AND SPACER	12-FEB-2009		
PE09-008	2006 HONDA RIDGELINE	FIRE	12-FEB-2009		
PE09-009	2007 DJG MAXI-COSI MICO REAR FACING INFANT CAR SEAT	CARRIER TO BASE CONNECTION	13-FEB-2009		
PE09-010	MY 2005-2009 MACK CTP, CV, CNX, CXU, GU, LE, MR	BRAKE AIR CONTROL VALVE	13-FEB-2009		
PE09-011	2001-2003 HYUNDAI ELANTRA	FRONT LOWER CONTROL ARMS RUSTING	18-FEB-2009		
PE09-012	2004-2008 MODEL YEAR NEW FLYERTRANSIT BUSES	BRAKE AIR CONTROL VALVE	27-FEB-2009		
PE09-013	MY 2005-08 KENWORTH AND PETERBILT (PRODUCTS LISTED BELOW)	FRACTURED AIR CHAMBER MOUNTING BRACKETS	27-FEB-2009		

PE09-014	2008-9 JONWAY - SUNNY MODEL MOTORSCOOTER	FUEL LEAK	03-MAR-2009		
PE09-015	KONA CLT LT215/85 R16 MANUFACTURED 2008	LOWER SIDEWALL BULGING	05-MAR-2009		
PE09-016	2008 SATURN VUE	SATURN VUE DOOR LATCH	10-MAR-2009		
PE09-017	2002-2004 SUBARU IMPREZA WRX & STI VEHICLES	FUEL LINE LEAK	10-MAR-2009		

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT RECALL QUERY				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
RQ09-001	2004-2006 GM COLORADO/CANYON AND 2006 ISUZU I-280/I-350 PU	BRAKE LAMP SWITCH MALFUNCTION	25-FEB-09	

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PETITIONS				
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## Preliminary Evaluation (PE)

Initial phase of a NHTSA investigation, a PE is prompted after a review of consumer complaints and/or manufacturer service bulletins suggest a safety defect may exist. The results of a PE determine whether the investigation will be upgraded to an Engineering Analysis or closed. Most PEs are resolved within four months.

## Engineering Analysis (EA)

Second and final phase of a NHTSA investigation, an EA is undertaken if data from a PE indicate further examination of a potential safety defect is warranted. The results of an EA determine whether a safety recall should be initiated or the investigation should be closed. Most EAs are resolved within one year.

## Recall Query (RQ)

NHTSA monitors recalls to ensure that the scope, completion rate, and remedy are adequate. If recall adequacy comes into question, an RQ is opened to determine if the scope of the recall should be expanded or an adjustment in existing remedies is required.

## Defect or Recall Petition (DP or RP)

NHTSA may be petitioned to investigate an alleged safety defect or whether a manufacturer has successfully carried out the requirements of a recall. If the petition is granted, NHTSA opens an appropriate investigation. If the petition is denied, the reasons for denial are published in the Federal Register.

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Technical Information Services (NPO-230)  
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